



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
San Wong, Director

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
Thursday, January 19 · 3:00 – 4:00pm
Google Meet info: <https://meet.google.com/pij-tpfq-xpe>

Present

Elizabeth Coonan, Dr. William Fleming, Andrew Lauver, Esperance Nibizi, Sherill Whisenand, Amy Ryan

Absent Matthew Gilbert

Staff Ex-Officio San Wong, Monica Stone, Kim Cheeks, Maria Guevara

Call to Order 3:09 pm

Vice-Chair Voting

Commissioners spoke with each other to discuss who would like to be considered for vice chair. Whisenand was nominated. Lauver motioned second by Dr. Fleming. Motion passed.

New Business

On 1/12/23 a bill was introduced to the Iowa State Legislature. The bill would repeal gender balance, requirements for appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils. On 1/17/23 there was a gender balance subcommittee meeting to hear commentary on the proposal to change the law. This subcommittee was under SSB1037. On 01/25/202 bill was renumbered as SF 136. Stone reports there was a news article from the Business Record discussing the [bill](#) changes.

Commissioners discussed what position they have on this new bill. Commissioners discussed creating information to share with legislators.

Stone also reminded commissioners they did not lose their individual voice by joining the commission if they would like to reach out to a legislator than they are able to. Stone reports DHR's Legislative Liaison, Sonya Streit can take a look at the statement before sending it to the Iowa legislature.

Commissioners voted on whether to continue the law as it exists. Fleming motioned Seconded by Whisenand. All in favor, motion passed . Commissioners spoke about getting a draft completed by 1/25/23 with key points captured. Then have a meeting to discuss how to proceed.

In regards to media inquiries. A commissioner can share their beliefs but if a news agency wants the commission's stance on it. A commissioner can reach out to the department for advice on how to respond.

Meeting Adjourn 3:45 pm